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Dear Sir:

Applicants' undersigned attorney received a Notice of Incomplete NonProvisional Application mailed on November 20, 2003. The Notice specifies that the drawings were omitted from the application.

Applicants' hereby petition that the above-identified application is entitled to a filing date of August 26, 2003. The above-identified application was filed as a 1.53(b) continuation of an application U.S. Serial No. 09/218,481 on August 26, 2003. In the transmittal documents, the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/218,481 was incorporated by reference in its entirety. The parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/218,481 included the 15 sheets of drawings. Applicants have filed the 15 sheets of drawings for incorporation into application Serial No. 10/648,816 filed August 26, 2003 based on the incorporation by reference of the parent application with the

filing papers on August 26, 2003. Applicants submit that they are, therefore, entitled to a filing date of August 26, 2003 and request notification to that effect.

Should any Patent Office representative have any questions, they are invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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